



Quarterly



Summer 2003

Message from the President

Hello to all my fellow BOSS service members. It seems we've started this year off running. It's May already and it feels like we just celebrated the New Year. This year was be a tough one because of Mission Support against the fight against Al Queda and Saddam Hussein, in Iraq, Afghanistan and possibly North Korea. We had soldiers tasked out doing a little bit of everything so support will be tight. But I believe we can pull off another successful year culminating with us winning the First Prize for BEST Installation and BEST Event in the Small Category at the DA BOSS Conferences. So let's dig in our heels and make the most of it. I cannot thank everyone enough for always coming together to make each event possible. I look forward to implementing at least 1 if not all of the 3 pillars each quarter for BOSS through our events, Community Service, Well-Being and of course our favorite Leisure and Recreation. This year we look to bringing in more members than any other year. I challenge those active BOSS members to encourage your fellow peers to be more active in all our upcoming events.

I would like to take a moment to introduce to you some of the BOSS representatives: SSG Franco & SSG Hoffman (80th ASG), MSG Simmons and SSgt Prioleaux (AFE), SSG Martin & SGT Jackson (RSGS) SGT McDaniel & SPC Walker (39th SIG BN), SPC Valenzuela (SHF), SPC Colon (AFN), SGT Ferdinand (BFO) SPC Candler & SGT Naklicki (USANATO), YN2 Sosa (NAVY), SRA Tingle (309AS), SPC Rohring (66th MI), SGT Dinkins (DENTAC) and SPC Davis (650th MI GRP) Thank you for your support! BOSS is a soldier run program and only we can make the program a success. We need more support for all our events to include fundraisers. The money we earn from the fundraisers will go toward next year's annual BOSS summer getaway.

BOSS meetings are held at 1330, every 1st and 3d Thursday of the month at the SHAPE Community Activities Center. Single service members, unaccompanied members, single parents, or married service members w/o dependents, are invited to attend and become an active member of your BOSS program. BOSS email address is 80asqboss@benelux.army.mil.

WELL BEING

The BOSS web site www.80asg.army.mil/boss.htm is your place for the latest information on single service member's community events. All members are encouraged to visit this site weekly for updated info on BOSS happenings. In January BOSS members were apart of the "SHAPE Family Force Forum" where issues concerning "quality of life" for soldiers were presented and resolved. The Issues that couldn't be resolved at this level were passed on to go the "Europe Army Family Action Plan Conference" held in Heidelberg. BOSS also co hosted with the Equal Opportunity Office an (Apollo Night Talent Competition). Held in honor of Black History Month. Kudos' to SPC Williams of 80th ASG, who took home the first prize for singing a few songs he personally wrote and composed. Is there a future "American Idol" amongst us?

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In February in honor of Valentines Day BOSS held a candy sale. Over 250 boxes of candy were sold, and helped to make a whole lot of sweet tooth's sweeter. In April BOSS assisted ACS in holding their Children's Wellness Fair. BOSS hosted a finger painting Booth where over 50 children were able to get their fingers wet and try out their artistic skills. On 26 - 27 April 2003 BOSS assisted with "Girls Power" a retreat set up for 9-14yr old girls. To Focus on self-esteem building. We have future events planned for this summer. BOSS will also join the local Boy Scout troop on their annual summer campout. Come out and be a part of our activities just contact your unit BOSS representative.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

BOSS kicked off this spring with our first Karaoke "Right Arm Night" held at the SHAPE IC Club. This event was loads of fun, as everyone tried singing their favorite songs, off key or not. We even had our local "Elvis Impersonator" take the mike a few "dozen" Times. The next BOSS event was the "Annual Mardi Gras Party" hosted at the IC Club on SHAPE, a roaring success once again. Mardi Gras beads were given out in mass, and a few even came out in costume to get in the "carnival" spirit. Prizes were given out for Best Dressed Male and Female. BOSS looks forward to the carnival season again next year. In June BOSS will host a "Single's Night Out" where we will sponsor Single soldiers in a night of Bowling, Pizza and fun. (Restricted to amateur bowlers only). BOSS is hosting a daytrip to Six Flags on 31 May 03 to give soldiers a little R&R. We are also looking to host a few more day trips throughout the rest of the summer, and culminating with our Annual Summer getaway to Crete, Greece. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Six Flags	Netherlands	31 May 2003
Bowling Night	SHAPE Bowling Center	7 June 2003
Glenn Miller Concert	CAC	10 June 2003
Paris	France	14 June 2003
Six Flags	Netherlands	20 June 2003
4 th of July Celebration	SHAPE	4 July 2003
Crete	Greece	28 Aug - 3 Sep 2003